

I am appalled by Sinclair Broadcasting's reprehensible decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary, that is no less than a free political commercial, days before the election. It is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair is not serving the public good by this naked exercise in bias.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced by a clearly biased and partisan group, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.